6. With the above remarks, an immediate advance of Rs. 10,000 will be placed at your disposal, to be prudently and carefully disbursed at your discretion. I am also to convey sanction for Rs. 100 for wooden racks and for the entertainment, temporarily for a period of five months, of the establishment noted on the margin, aggregating Rs. 21 per mensem.

	Rs.
One Clerk ...	12
One Peon ..	6
Contingent allowance	3
Total Rs.....	21

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

L. ANANTASWAMI RAO,
Under-Secretary.

Copy to other Deputy Commissioners and to the Comptroller for information and guidance.

By Order,

L. ANANTASWAMI RAO,
Under-Secretary.

No. D. 170, DATED BANGALORE, 18TH FEBRUARY 1892.

ORDER.—Programmes of Relief Works to be executed by the Revenue Officers, chiefly restoration and improvement of tanks, have been sanctioned by Government from time to time for some of the affected Districts. In executing such a sanctioned programme of works, the Deputy Commissioner should frame estimates for all the works, sanction such of them as may be below Rs. 500 and obtain the sanction of the Government for those which may be above that amount. A list of all the estimates so prepared and sanctioned (by the Deputy Commissioner and by the Government) and their total amount, should be submitted to this office for information with the fortnightly Condition Report ordered in Proceedings No. D. 152, dated 16th February 1892. If all the sanctioned estimates make up a total larger than what has already been placed at the Deputy Commissioner's disposal by the order sanctioning the programme, or by subsequent orders, the Deputy Commissioner should at once apply for the larger amount required.

2. The object of these programmes which, in the Tumkur and Chitaldroog Districts, the Dewan himself got prepared under his own personal direction, having due regard to the distance of the works to the villages which they had to serve, is to place in the hands of each Deputy Commissioner an approved list of works, any of which may be started by him at a moment's notice, when the necessity arises. The amount sanctioned for each District programme must however be regarded as in the nature of a Budget provision, and regular estimates should be prepared for all the works and sanction given or obtained in the manner directed above.

3. The Deputy Commissioners of the Districts for which such programmes of works have not been submitted should submit them without further delay.

4. The orders as above should be applied to drinking water wells and other works for which funds have been, or may hereafter be, placed at the Deputy Commissioner's disposal.

READ :—

Letter No. 80, dated 12th February 1892, from Mr. B. G. Krishnaiengar, Assistant Commissioner on Special Duty in the Tumkur District, soliciting sanction for a further grant of Rs. 15,000 for advances for Irrigation wells in the Tumkur District.

No. D. 173, DATED BANGALORE, 18TH FEBRUARY 1892.

ORDER THEREON.—Rupees 40,000 have already been sanctioned for advances for Irrigation wells in the Tumkur District. A further grant of Rs. 15,000 is now sanctioned for the same purpose.

READ :—

Report on the condition of the Chitaldroog District for the week ending 6th February 1892, received with the Deputy Commissioner's docket Camp No. 34, dated 11th idem.

No. D. 178, DATED BANGALORE, 19TH FEBRUARY 1892.

ORDER THEREON.—It is reported that on 6 out of the 7 Relief Works in progress in the Hiriyur Taluk, no coolies came to work, and that, in the opinion of the Amildar, this was due to the coolies being able to get higher wages elsewhere. The Deputy Commissioner observes that on all the Relief Works going on in his District, it is a general complaint of the coolies that the wages offered, namely, 2 annas for an adult male and 1 anna 4 pies for a female, are insufficient.

2. Under the order issued in No. D. 26, dated 12th December 1891, the Deputy Commissioner is given the discretion to fix such rates of wages as are fair and reasonable, having regard to the prevailing prices, and he is requested to report why he did not increase the rates if he found that the complaint that they were low, was well founded.

3. The Deputy Commissioner's attention is drawn to Section 185 of the Madras Famine Code, wherein the following rates are prescribed :—

	First Class.	Second Class.	Third Class.
Men including boys above 12 years and nursing mothers ...	Value of $1\frac{1}{2}$ lb. of grain + $1\frac{1}{2}$ anna.	Value of $1\frac{1}{2}$ lb. of grain + 1 anna.	Value of $1\frac{1}{2}$ lb. of grain + $\frac{3}{4}$ anna.
Women including girls above 12 years	Value of $1\frac{1}{4}$ lb. of grain + 1 anna.	Value of $1\frac{1}{4}$ lb. of grain + $\frac{3}{4}$ anna.	Value of $1\frac{1}{8}$ lb. of grain + $\frac{1}{2}$ anna.
Working children below 12 years ...	Value of $\frac{3}{4}$ lb. of grain + $\frac{3}{4}$ anna.	Value of $\frac{3}{4}$ lb. of grain + $\frac{1}{2}$ anna.	Value of $\frac{5}{8}$ lb. of grain + $\frac{3}{8}$ anna.

4. The above rates, if converted into money, will give a good idea as to what the wages should be on works on which the villagers are employed in the immediate vicinity of their own homes. The men, women and children at present all come under the first class, it is believed, and taking the price of Ragi at 16 seers the rupee, the wages at the above rates amount, for a man to 2 annas 2 pies, for a woman to 1 anna $6\frac{2}{3}$ pies. The Deputy Commissioner should adopt the Madras scale for general guidance and fix the rates accordingly, for the time being at any rate. For instance, he should now give 2 annas 3 pies to a man and $1\frac{1}{2}$ annas to a woman. It must not be expected that these rates will be popular with the professional coolies who find work on the ordinary Public Works, but these village works are not intended to attract them.

5. It should also be borne in mind that in Section 187 of the Madras Code it is explained that the grain meant is the grain of medium quality and of the description in ordinary use at the time of payment, and that the price to be taken is the retail price of the grain, ruling at the Kasaba of the Taluk during the previous week, or it may be added, at the nearest *Santé*.

READ:—

Diary (of which an abstract is given below) of Mr. B. G. Krishnaiengar, Special Assistant Commissioner for making advances for Irrigation wells, for the fortnight ending the 6th February 1892, received with letter No. 837, dated 14th idem, from the Deputy Commissioner, Tumkur District:—

ABSTRACT.

Wells inspected in about 38 villages. Loans granted 38, of which 34 were in the Maddagiri Taluk, including the Koratagere Sub-Taluk, and 3 in the Tumkur Taluk, and 1 was in the Pavagada Taluk.

2. Amount of loans sanctioned Rs. 7,630. First instalment paid Rs. 4,097-8-0.

3. The Special Assistant Commissioner refused loan for a well which was too close to a *Talparige* channel, as the raiyats in a body objected to it.

4. He observes that "Gerse bhavis," differing from the ordinary kind known by that name, abound in Rampur in the Koratagere Sub-Taluk, the nature of which is to have sandy soil on the surface and up to a depth of 5 or 6 feet, then hard soil for 8 or 10 feet, and then again sand with a copious, and, it is believed, a permanent supply of water. Mr. Krishnaiengar points out that stone revetment to such wells will be of great advantage.

No. D. 179, DATED BANGALORE, 19TH FEBRUARY 1892.

ORDER.—Recorded, with the remark that loans may be given, when applied for, for the stone facing of the peculiar kind of "Gerse bhavis" or wells said to be found at Rampur in the Koratagere Sub-Taluk.

READ:—

Report (of which an abstract is given below) on the condition of the Shimoga District for the week ending 6th February 1892, received with docket No. 871—823, dated 9th idem, from the Deputy Commissioner of Shimoga.

ABSTRACT.

1. *Crops harvested.*—In Tirthahalli *all* and in Nagar, paddy, ragi and sugar-cane.

2. *Standing Crops.*—Sugar-cane and cotton in Honnali are in good condition. Sugar-cane, kadle and uddu in Shimoga; sugar-cane and paddy in Channagiri; paddy and ragi in Sagar Taluk, are in a fair condition. Castor-seeds, kadle, cotton, &c., in Channagiri Taluk are in a bad state. In Shikarpur paddy is 1 to 4 annas in 4 Hoblis, and 4 to 8 annas in 6 Hoblis, and ragi is 4 to 12 annas in all the Hoblis except Belandur. In Sorab paddy and ragi are about 8 annas.

3. *Food Grains.*—Supply sufficient or fair in all the Taluks except Channagiri. Prices almost stationary except in Nagar and Tirthahalli Taluks where prices were rising. Rice in Shimoga and Honnali 9 seers, ragi in Shimoga 18 seers and in Channagiri 24 seers, jola in Honnali 20 seers.

4. *Fodder.*—Supply sufficient or fair in all the Taluks except Channagiri and Shikarpur.

5. *Water.*—Scarcity very much felt in 4 Hoblis of Channagiri Taluk.
6. *General Condition.*—Fair in all the Taluks. People find labor.
Cholera has broken out in the Town of Shikarpur and the Village of Gabbur in the same Taluk.
Fever is prevalent in parts of Sorab and Sagar.

No. D. 180, DATED BANGALORE, 19TH FEBRUARY 1892.

ORDER THEREON.—Recorded.

READ:—

Report (of which an Abstract is given below) on the condition of the Kolar District, for the week ending 6th February 1892, received with docket No. 3142—756, dated 12th February 1892, from the Deputy Commissioner of Kolar.

ABSTRACT.

1. CROPS HARVESTED.—Nil.
2. STANDING CROPS.—Withering. Kadlé and Jola in tank beds require moisture.
3. CULTIVATION.—Jola and Sugar-cane to a small extent under wells in Chintamani Taluk, and Vaisakha paddy in Tondebhavi Hobli of Goribidnur Taluk.
4. FOOD GRAINS.—Markets generally well supplied and prices generally stationary.
5. FODDER.—Supply diminishing.
6. GENERAL CONDITION.—No improvement. Relief Works are in progress. Digging wells, collecting Tangadi bark and manufacturing Jaggory also afford employment.

No. D. 181, DATED BANGALORE, 19TH FEBRUARY 1892.

ORDER THEREON.—Recorded.

READ:—

Report (of which an Abstract is given below) on the condition of the French Rocks Sub-Division, for the week ending 6th February 1892, received with docket No. 1021, dated 13th idem, from the Deputy Commissioner of Mysore.

ABSTRACT.

1. CROPS HARVESTED.—Kadlè in portions of Mandya and Malvalli, the out-turn being about 2 and 4 annas respectively. Paddy is being harvested.
2. STANDING CROPS.—Kadlè in all Taluks, in good condition. Sugar-cane is thriving.
3. CULTIVATION.—Tank beds in Seringapatam, Mandya and Nagamangala Taluks, being cultivated with Kadle and Jola.
4. FOOD GRAINS.—Markets well supplied.
   PRICES.—Rice from 7 seers in Malvalli to 9½ seers in Krishnarajpete, with a slight fall in Seringapatam, Mandya and Nagamangala Taluks.
   Ragi from 13 seers in Malvalli to 20 seers in Krishnarajpete. Was stationary in all Taluks but Krishnarajpete, where it fell from 18 to 20 seers.
5. FODDER.—Basari, Ala and Bevu leaves used in parts of the non-channel Hoblis of Seringapatam Taluk. Amildar's special report called for in this matter. Date leaves used in parts of Nagamangala.
6. GENERAL CONDITION.—No distress. No great demand for labor yet.

No. D. 182, DATED BANGALORE, 19TH FEBRUARY 1892.

ORDER THEREON.—Recorded.

READ:—

Report (of which an Abstract is given below) on the condition of the Tumkur District, for the week ending 6th February 1892, received with docket No. 808, dated 8th idem, from the Deputy Commissioner of Tumkur.

ABSTRACT.

1. CROPS HARVESTED.—Harvesting of the dry crop of the past season was coming to a close.
2. STANDING CROPS.—Vaisakh paddy under wells in fair condition. Those in tank beds generally failing.
3. FOOD GRAINS.—There was a slight addition to the existing supply, owing to harvest Markets well supplied. Prices almost stationary.
4. FODDER.—Difficulty growing. Use of prickly pear being recommended to the people.
5. GENERAL CONDITION.—Demand for labor has not yet become general. Relief works being opened daily.

No. D. 183, DATED BANGALORE, 19TH FEBRUARY 1892.

ORDER THEREON.—Recorded.

READ:—

Report (of which an Abstract is given below) on the condition of the Tumkur District for the week ending 13th February 1892, received with docket No. 838, dated 15th idem, from the Deputy Commissioner of Tumkur.

ABSTRACT.

1. HARVEST.—Is going on and will be over in a few days.
2. STANDING CROPS.—Those in tank beds generally failing. They may at least afford fodder.
3. CULTIVATION.—Going on in the bed of the Tumkur Tank.
4. FOOD GRAINS.—Markets well supplied. Prices stationary.
5. FODDER.—Difficulty experienced. Present harvest has added some to the existing stock.
6. GENERAL CONDITION.—No demand for work in the Pavagada Taluk. Elsewhere, to some of the Relief Works inspected, more laborers had come. Nearly Rs. 1,000 spent in Kunigal Taluk.

No. D. 184, DATED BANGALORE, 19TH FEBRUARY 1892.

ORDER THEREON.—Recorded.

READ:—

Report (of which an Abstract is given below) on the condition of the Mysore District for the week ending 13th February 1892, received with docket No. 1026, dated 15th idem, from the Deputy Commissioner of the Mysore District.

ABSTRACT.

1. CROPS HARVESTED.—Paddy, tovare, avare, kadle and gram harvested in parts of Krishnarajpete, Nagamangala, Yedatore and Mysore. Yield about 2 annas.
2. STANDING CROPS.—Paddy under tanks in Krishnarajpete and Gundlupet, and sugar-cane and mulberry in Seringapatam and Tirumakudlu-Narsipur Taluks in good condition. Avare, castor seed and gram in parts of the District and kadle in tank beds in fair condition.
3. FOOD GRAINS.—Markets fairly supplied. Prices stationary.
4. FODDER.—Sufficient, except in Mandya, Nagamangala and Krishnarajpete Taluks. Date leaves used in the last two taluks.
5. GENERAL CONDITION.—Cholera has broken out at Ganjam. 5 fatal out of 11 cases up to 13th. Small-pox in Seringapatam, Hunsur, Gundlupet, Chamrajnagar and Nagamangala Taluks.

No. D. 185, DATED BANGALORE, 19TH FEBRUARY 1892.

ORDER THEREON.—Recorded.

READ:—

Report (of which an Abstract is given below) on the condition of the Kadur District for the week ending 6th February 1892, received from the Deputy Commissioner of Kadur.

ABSTRACT.

1. STANDING CROPS.—None in the Malnad. The few in the Maidan, except under tanks, are in want of rain.
2. FOOD GRAINS.—Supply of rice and ragi in markets fair, except in the Santes of Sakrepatna and Birur where the supply of ragi was small. Prices stationary; rice 7 to 11 seers, ragi 14 to 18 seers, per rupee.
3. FODDER.—Supply generally good in the Malnad. Very scanty in the Maidan.
4. GENERAL CONDITION.—Good. No demand for labor yet. The Public Works Department and Coffee Planters who are in need of laborers find it difficult to secure them.

No. D. 186, DATED BANGALORE, 19TH FEBRUARY 1892.

ORDER THEREON.—Recorded.

READ :—

Letter No. 849, dated 16th February 1892, from the Deputy Commissioner, Tumkur District, applying for a grant of Rs. 2,000 for carrying on Amani cultivation, as a relief measure.

No. D. 187, DATED BANGALORE, 20TH FEBRUARY 1892.

ORDER THEREON.—The grant of Rs. 2,000 applied for is sanctioned.

READ :—

The following letter from the Deputy Commissioner of Tumkur, No. 858, dated 17th February 1892.

"With reference to Government Order No. D. 145 of the 13th instant about Prickly Pear leaves being used as fodder for cattle, I have the honor to state that I made use of the leaves for my own cattle in the manner prescribed by the Director of Statistics and Agriculture and Messrs. Sabhapati Mudaliar and Co. of Bellary, obtaining from the latter sets of instruments required for the purpose. The result was most favorable. The cattle took to the leaves easily and the leaves did them no harm. I have asked all the Officers in the District to try likewise and prove to the raiyats the utility of the leaves. I have sent them all a set of the instruments. But these leaves are not plentiful in this District. The Amildars of Tumkur, Kunigal and Tiptur, and the Deputy Amildar of Huliyar, have reported that the leaves are not to be had in their Taluks in any large quantity."

No. D. 192, DATED BANGALORE, 20TH FEBRUARY 1892.

ORDER THEREON.—The Government are glad to hear so hopeful an account of the use of Prickly Pear for feeding cattle. The special attention of other Deputy Commissioners, especially those of Kolar, Chitaldroog and Mysore, is again requested to the subject.

READ :—

Diary (of which an Abstract is given below) of Mr. H. V. Nanjundaiya, Sub-Judge on Special duty, for the week ending 6th February 1892, received with docket No. 3140—754, dated 12th idem, from the Deputy Commissioner of Kolar.

ABSTRACT.

About 29 villages were inspected in the Goribidnur Taluk, and loans granted for 17 wells, amounting to Rs. 4,100. The first instalment paid was Rs. 1,355. The longest period allowed for re-payment was 20 years, and that in one case. The total amount of the applications received exceeded Rs. 20,000, and more applications were coming.

Mr. Nanjundaiya brings to notice the case of Saru wells, (springs in sandy strata). These, he says, are believed to be such as come under the limitations imposed in Government order No. D. 85, dated 19th January 1892, but when provided with stone facing, they become works of permanent utility, and as such are eligible for loans under the terms of the order. The Deputy Commissioner of Kolar is of the same opinion, and Mr. Nanjundaiya says he has been sanctioning advances for such wells of a *permanent* character.

Mr. Nanjundaiya further brings to notice the desire of the inhabitants of Mallikere for the repair of their tank which breached recently and which requires about Rs. 4,000 worth of earthwork, being taken up by the D. P. W. this year. The Deputy Commissioner says that he will address the Executive Engineer on the subject.

No. D. 193, DATED BANGALORE, 20TH FEBRUARY 1892.

ORDER THEREON.—The action of Mr. Nanjundaiya with reference to "Saru" wells is approved, as it is reported that, with stone facing, the wells would be of permanent utility and there would be no fear of the failure of springs. The order of Government referred to apply only to cases in which the *springs* are likely to fail in a very few years.

2. The desire of the inhabitants of Mallikere for the early repair of their tank has been, it is noted, referred by the Deputy Commissioner to the Executive Engineer for investigation.

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Under-Secretary.

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12. Each Amildar and Deputy Amildar to submit a weekly report to this office showing the progress of work done to each tank in his Taluk or Sub-Taluk.

13. Patels in charge of Relief Works to be given a monthly contingent allowance not exceeding 1 rupee to enable them to meet their stationery expenses.

14. *Miscellaneous Relief Works.*—Impecunious Totis, Talwars and Niragantis standing in need of Government help, to be employed in removing prickly pear and clearing jungle on the slopes of tank bunds, and to be paid wages as follows :—

	Rs.	A.	P.
Man	0	2	3
Woman	0	1	6

In places where the above kind of work cannot be found for these village servants, they should be employed on sanitary works, such as removing noisome vegetation, filling in unwholesome pits, removing ruined walls, and levelling the ground and filling in ruts, &c., on the roads in and around the villages.

15. Agriculturists in need of work may also be employed in the cultivation, by Amani, of quick growing crops in the beds of tanks by means of water lifted up from wells dug for the purpose These works may be carried out as Relief Works for the benefit of the above class of people, who may be paid wages at the same rates as those on tank works.

16. Holyars, Madigars and other low classes of people in poor circumstances, to be employed in the collection of Tangadi bark on Government waste lands, and to be paid wages at the rates allowed by license-holders for the bark Totis, Talwars and Niragantis, may also be employed on this work in preference to sanitary works till further orders.

Men.	Women.	Children.
40	50	12

ABSTRACT.

Date 1st February 1892.

Total No. of Males, Females and Boys or Girls.

TASK WORK.

1st Group.

Men, Women, Boys or Girls.

Number given on the Roll.

2nd Group.

Do ... As above.

Do ... Day laborers.

Amount Paid.

3 Men at	...	0	2	4	0	7	0
3 Women at	...	0	1	6	0	4	6
Boys and Girls at		0	1	0	0	2	0
					0	13	6

2nd February 1892, as above.